



Back Face Deformation (BFD) Response Comparison between KM2 and HB80 Flat Panels

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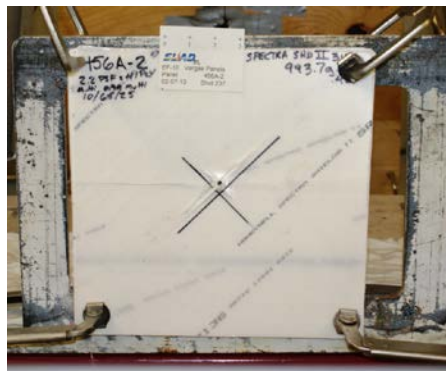
- **Ballistic protection material**

- ❖ Kevlar
- ❖ Ultra-High-Molecular-Weight Polyethylene (UHMWPE)
- ❖ V_{50} of UHMWPE is about 30% higher than Kevlar
- ❖ BFD is equally important as V_{50}

- **Numerical models for Kevlar**

- ❖ Delamination was not explicitly modeled

Setup



- **Digital image correlation (DIC)**
- **Boundary conditions:**
 - suspended by strings
 - four corners clamped
 - four edges clamped
- **UHMWPE and Kevlar panels**



Table: TEST DATA SUMMARY FOR UHMWPE AND KEVLAR

Test	Material	Boundary Conditions	Impact velocity (m/s)	Peak center BFD (mm)	Final BFD (mm)	Normalized DOP
458A-1	HB80, [0/90]	Corner clamped	440.6	28.7	16.3	0.60
458A-2			424.1	27.3	12.7	0.50
869A-1		Free	422.1	26.6	11.7	0.53
869A-2			421.1	26.5	12.5	0.58
869A-3			307.2	18.1	8.13	0.19
869A-4			302.1	17.8	7.49	0.24
546A		Edges clamped	294.1	16.1	7.7	0.26
545A		Free	292.6	16.3	7.2	0.24
868A-1	K705, woven	Free	431.9	NA (perforated)		1
868A-2			303.4	16.6*	6.2	0.50
868A-3			297.8	15.3*	5.1	0.53
868A-4			301.1	15.5*	5.3	0.49
360B		Edge clamped	232.6	12.1	1.9	0
359B		Free	228.9	12.4	1.6	0

- For both Material, as the velocity drops the peak center BFD, final BFD and DOP decrease.
- The UHMWPE panels have better ballistic resistance performance.
- The peak BFD and residual BFD are lower in Kevlar panels.

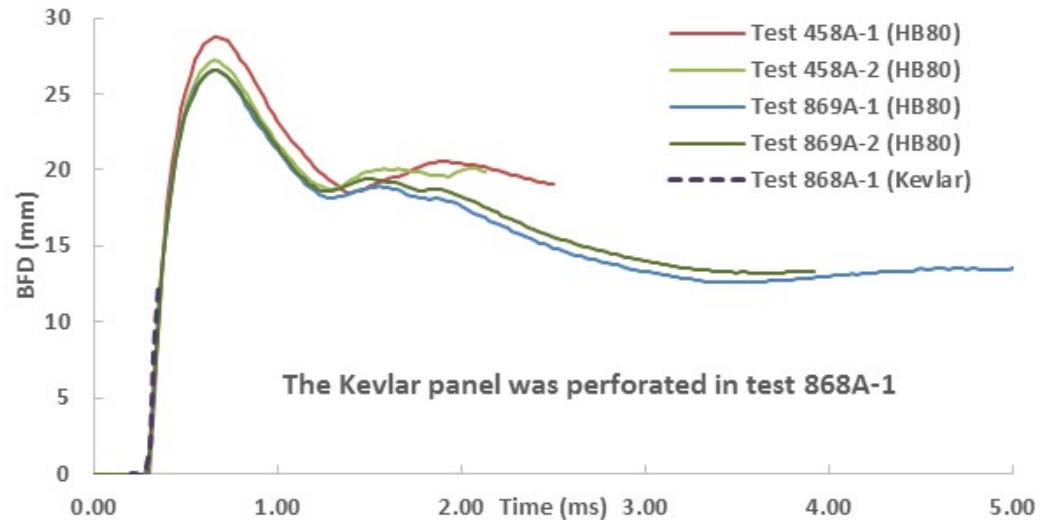


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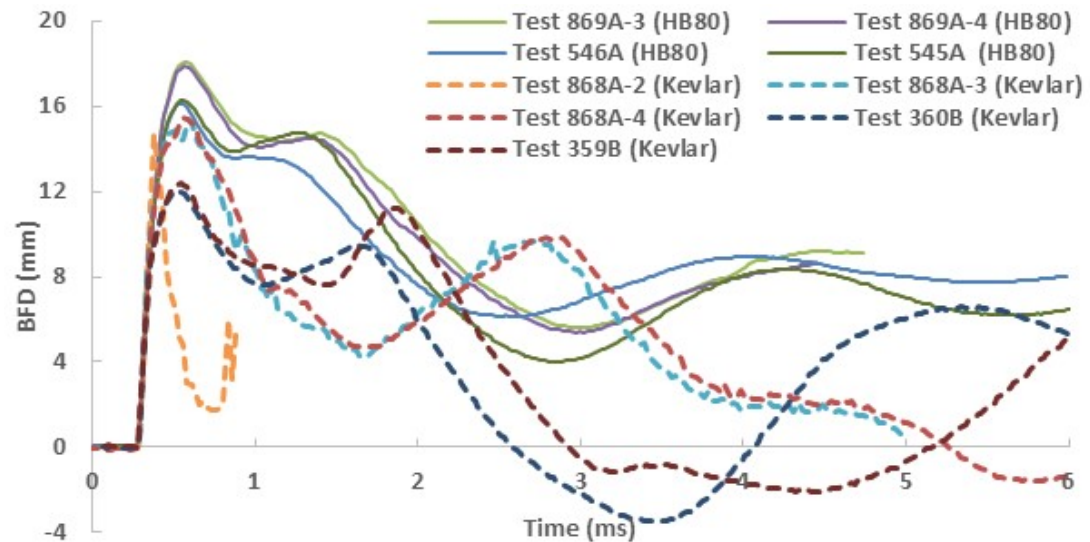
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High impact speed



Medium impact speed



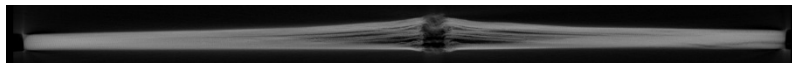


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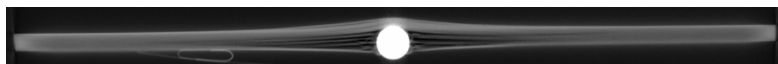
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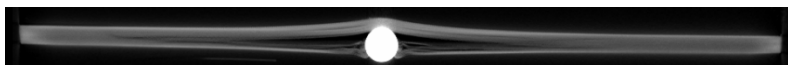
Kevlar



868A-1



868A-3



868A-4

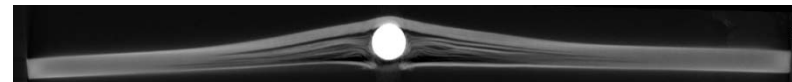


360B

UHMWPE



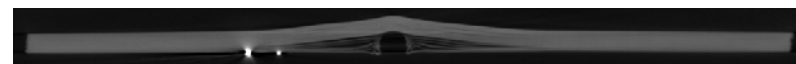
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869A-2



546A



545A

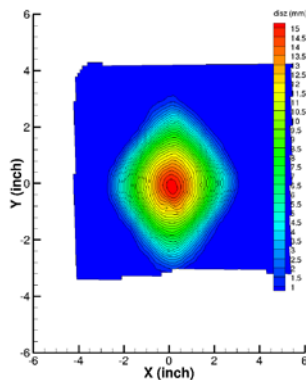


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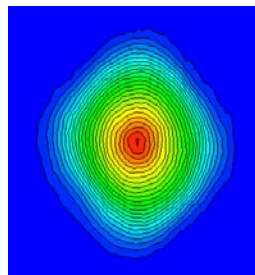
BFD contour

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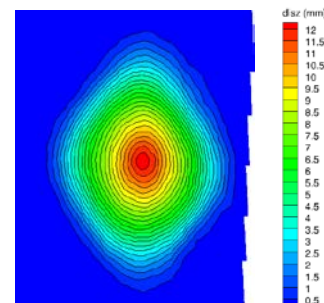
Woven K705



Test 868A-3

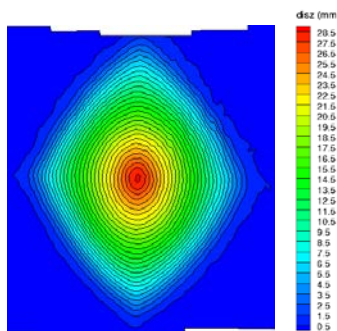


Test 360B

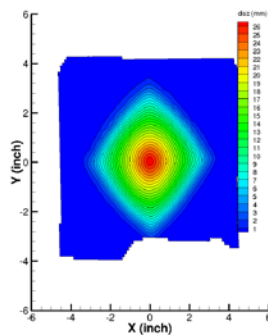


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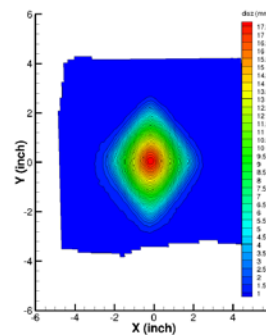
[0/90] HB80



Test 458A-1



Test 869A-2



Test 869A-4



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Numerical model

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- **Similar delamination and BFD response**
- **Same material model with different material parameters**
- **A model developed/characterized for UHMWPE was used**
 - “fused” layers
 - Two elements per layer
 - Two-zone strategy





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Numerical results - UHMWPE

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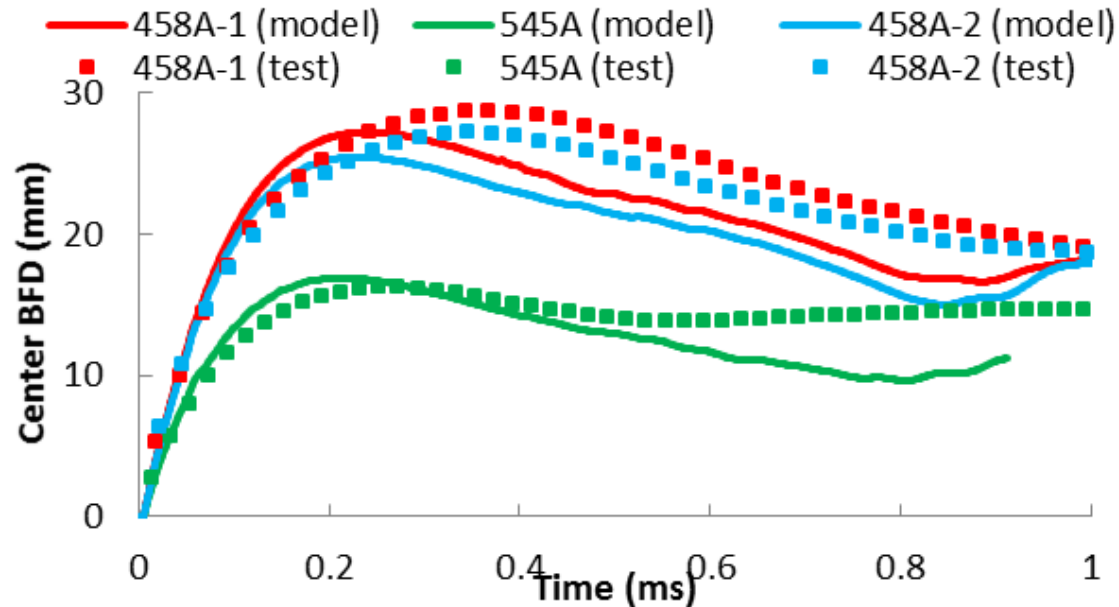


Table. Comparison between model and tests.

Test	Impact Speed (m/s)	Peak BFD (mm)			Normalized DOP	
		Model	Test	Difference	Model	Test
458A-1	440.6	27.2	28.6	5.2%	0.55	0.60
458A-2	424.1	25.5	27.3	6.7%	0.50	0.50
545A	292.6	16.9	16.3	3.6%	0.25	0.24



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Numerical results - Kevlar

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- **Material parameters need to be characterized**
- **Material parameters from literature were used here**

Material parameters, from :Y. Q. Li, X. G. Li and X.-L. Gao, *Modeling of Advanced Combat Helmet Under Ballistic Impact*, J. Appl. Mech 82(11), 111004 (Aug 12, 2015).

Density	$\rho=1230 \text{ Kg/m}^3$
Young's Modulus	$E_a=E_b=22\text{GPa}, E_c=9\text{GPa}$
Poisson's ratio	$\nu_{ab}=0.25, \nu_{ac}=\nu_{bc}=0.33$
Shear Modulus	$G_{ab}=0.77\text{GPa}, G_{bc}=G_{ca}=2.715\text{GPa}$
Tensile strength	$S_{aT}=S_{bT}=800\text{MPa}$
Compression strength	$S_{aC}=60\text{MPa}$
Normal strength	$S_{cT}=34.5\text{MPa}$
Fiber crush strength	$S_{FC}=1200\text{MPa}$
Fiber shear strength	$S_{FS}=1086\text{MPa}$
Matrix shear strength	$S_{ab}=77\text{MPa}, S_{bc}=S_{ca}=898\text{MPa}$
Delamination coefficient	1.2
Coulomb friction coefficient	10°
Strain rate coefficient	$C_{rate1}=0.0257, C_{rate2,3}=0.0246, C_{rate4}=0$
Scale factor for residual compressive strength	$S_{FFC}=0.3$
Element eroding axial strain	$E_LIMT=4.5\%$
Limit damage parameter for elastic modulus reduction	$\omega_{max}=0.9975$
Limit compressive relative volume for element eroding	$ECRSH=0.001$
Limit expansive relative volume for element eroding	$EEXPN=5.0$
Coefficient for strain softening property	$m_1=m_2=0.5, m_3=0.1, m_4=20$



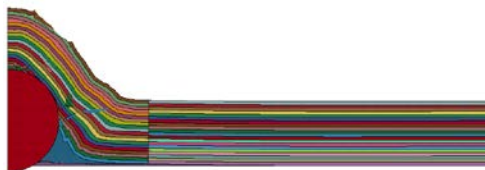
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Penetration process

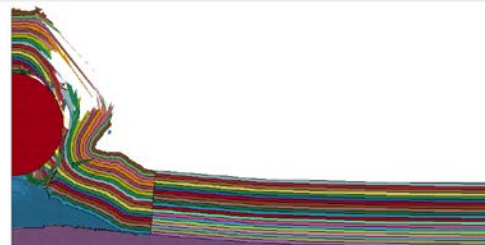
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30 μ s

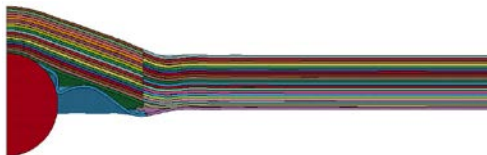


50 μ s



100 μ s

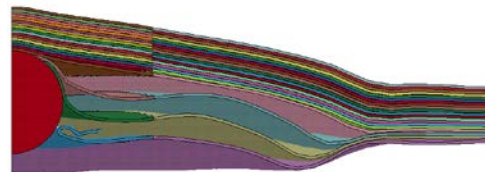
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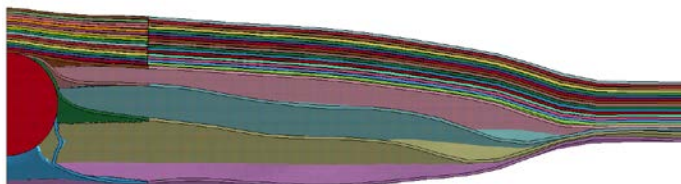
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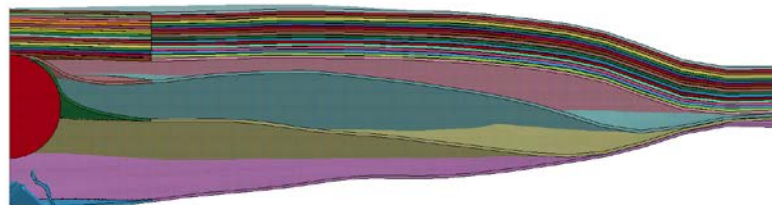
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200 μ s



300 μ s

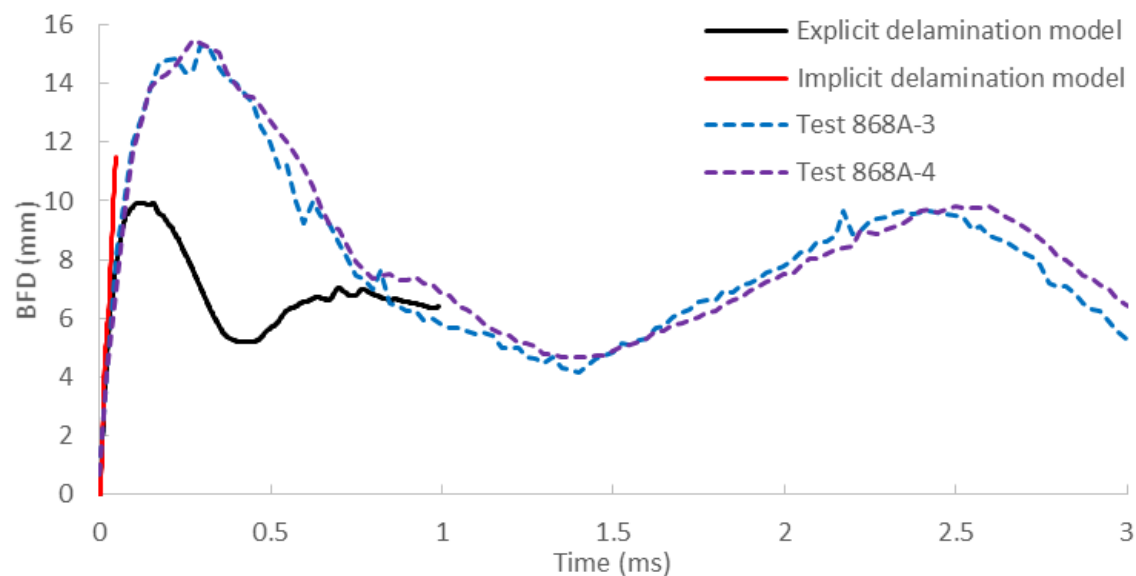
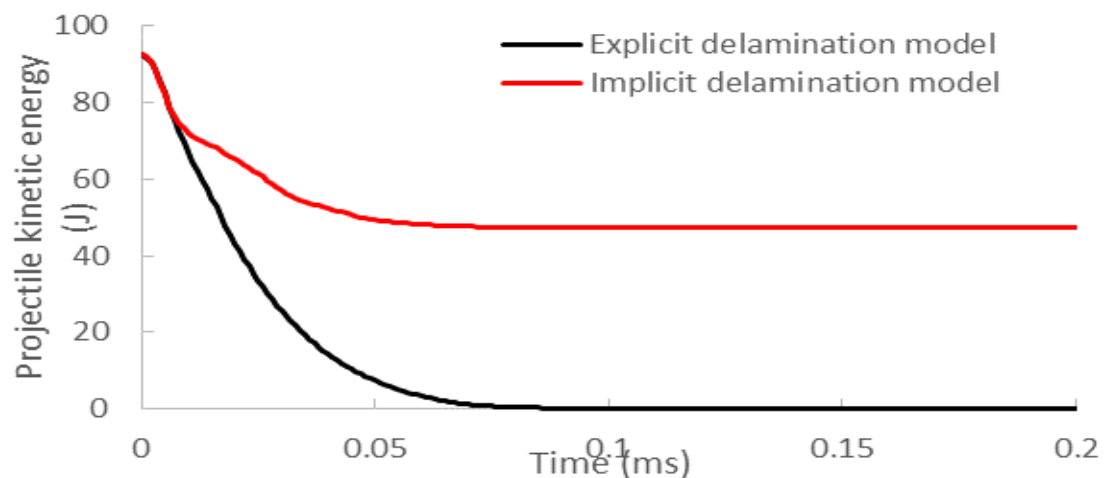
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Time history of projectile kinetic energy and BFD

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Summary and discussion

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- **Back face deformation experiments were conducted for both KM2 and HB80 flat panels**
 - the BFD was lower and the DOP was larger in the Kevlar panels
 - The BFD contours were very similar for Kevlar and UHMWPE panels and were diamond-shaped
 - Delamination along with fiber breakages were two main failure modes for both Kevlar and UHMWPE
- **A model previously characterized for UHMWPE was used to model the BFD response of both UHMWPE and KM2 panels.**
 - Model predictions agreed well with the experimental data for UHMWPE.
 - However, the model predicted lower BFD compared to the experimental data for KM2, while BFD profiles were similar.
 - The material parameters for KM2 need to be obtained by conducting material tests or characterized by the BFD test data.
 - Delamination failure needs to be explicitly modeled



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